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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. 25X1A

TOPIC Finow Airfield

EVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 4 to 22 May 1953

DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 16 June 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

- The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 4 and 22 May 1953:

4 May. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., a total of 5 wedge formations were observed. There was fair weather. A twin-engine plane with double rudder assembly and a Li-2 transport were also observed aloft.

5 May. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., 5 individual MiG-15s made local flights and 4 elements of two Yak-11s practiced flying. There was a 10/10 overcast and intermittent rain showers.

6 May. There was no air activity.

7 May. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., one MiG-15 made local flights.

8 to 13 May. Individual dives were made by MiG-15s which came down at an angle of about 45 degrees and pulled out of dive at an altitude of 400 meters.

14 May. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., individual local flights were made by MiG-15s. At 10 p.m., a MiG-15 flew over the field at an altitude of about 1,500 meters, in the beam of a searchlight located near Finowfurt.

15 May. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., numerous MiG-15s made local flights. There were no clouds. Two formations of 6 and 5 MiG-15s flew in echelon formation to the right at an altitude of about 8,000 meters.

16 May. At 1 p.m., a total of about 52 MiG-15s and type-29 planes and about 8 Yak-11s were observed at the northern edge of the field. There were also 4 alert planes 25X1

19 May. At 5 a.m., alert was given and subsequently 4 MiG-15s took off and about 50 motor vehicles left the field.

22 May. At 6 p.m., about 55 MiG-15s 25X1 and 11 Yak-11s were observed at the field.

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2. On 16 May, source again observed that about 200 bombs were piled up in the dump on the northeastern edge of the field. Two sheds, each about 10 meters square, were being constructed at the dump.
3. On 16 May, the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field was still occupied by 6 x 37-mm guns and 12 soldiers.

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Comment. According to available information, Finow airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. This occupation has probably not changed. Since October 1952, a total of 49 aircraft numbers have been observed in Finow.

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